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b) causing said server to communicate a second stream representing said broadcast information to a second user device wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

c) causing said first user device to communicate a third stream representing said broadcast information to a third user device wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) receiving and rendering, concurrently, said broadcast information on said first, second and third user devices, and wherein said first, second, and third user devices are configured to receive a stream representing digital broadcast information from said server or a user device without regard to maintaining a continuous broadcast if said user device discontinues communicating said stream.

8. (Three times amended) A method of broadcasting information over a network of electronic devices, said method comprising the steps of:

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transmitting broadcast information from a server to a first group of electronic devices of said network; and

achieving broadcasting of said broadcast information for said first group and a second group of electronic devices by forwarding said broadcast information from said first group of electronic devices to said second group of electronic devices of said network such that said first and second groups of electronic devices receive and render, concurrently, said broadcast information, and wherein said first and second groups of electronic devices are configured to receive broadcast information from said server or a group of electronic

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devices without regard to maintaining a continuous broadcast if said group of electronic devices discontinues communicating said broadcast information.

15. (Three times amended) A method of communicating broadcast

information comprising the steps of:

a) communicating a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing broadcast information, said step a) performed by a server and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

b) communicating a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information, said step b) performed by said server and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

c) communicating a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information, said step c) performed by said first user device wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) receiving and rendering, concurrently, said broadcast information on said second and third user devices, and wherein said first, second, and third user devices are configured to receive a stream representing digital broadcast information from said server or a user device without regard to maintaining a continuous broadcast if said user device discontinues communicating said stream.

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24. (Three times amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

- a) a server configured to communicate a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing broadcast information and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;
- b) said server also configured to communicate a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;
- c) said first user device configured to communicate a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and
- d) said second and said third user devices also for receiving and rendering, concurrently, said broadcast information, and wherein said first, second, and third user devices are configured to receive a stream representing digital broadcast information from said server or a user device without regard to maintaining a continuous broadcast if said user device discontinues communicating said stream.

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35. (Three times amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

- a) a server configured by a transmission scheduler to communicate a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing

broadcast information and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

b) said server also configured by said transmission scheduler to communicate a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

c) said first user device configured by said transmission scheduler to communicate a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) wherein said second and said third user devices are also for receiving and rendering, concurrently, said broadcast information; and

e) wherein said transmission scheduler schedules and maintains communication links between said server, said first user device, said second user device and said third user device to transmit said broadcast information, and wherein said first, second, and third user devices are configured to receive a stream representing digital broadcast information from said server or a user device without regard to maintaining a continuous broadcast if said user device discontinues communicating said stream.
